

GUESSING as to where the Republican lightning will strike seems to be the popular sport in Chicago these days.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler tonight; warmer Wednesday.

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HIGH SEA SWALLOWS LORD KITCHENER AND STAFF

Greatest Tragedy In European War Befalls British Empire When Ship Is Torpedoed By Germans

President of China Yuan-Shi-Kai Is Dead—Tornadoes Kill 80 and Injure 300 In South All Roosevelt at Chicago

BRITISH LEADER KILLED

Kitchener and Staff Go Down on Torpedoed Cruiser.

Admiralty Reports Hampshire Sunk North of Scotland.

WENT TO REVIEW THE FLEET

Was Near Main Base of England's High Sea Fleet.

Then Going to Russia on Secret War Mission.

London, June 6.—Accompanying Earl Kitchener and his staff were: Hugh James O'Brien, former counsel of the British embassy at Petrograd, and former minister at Sofia; O. A. Fitzgerald, Earl Kitchener's private military secretary; Brigadier General Eilershaw, and Sir Frederick Donaldson.

and public consternation and amazement today followed the announcement that Lord Kitchener and his staff



Lord Kitchener.

were sent to their deaths by a mine or torpedo which blew up the cruiser Hampshire off the Orkney Islands.

Crowds gathered in Whitehall, about the postoffice, seeking further details following the formal announcement of the loss of the war lord. The flag on the war office was at half staff and the blinds of the offices were drawn. The crowd received no further information, and the air of the officials indicated clearly that they had no hope that Kitchener might have escaped.

Down Off Orkney Islands.

London, June 6.—The loss of Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, England's greatest military organizer and the conqueror of the Sudan, with his entire staff, when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk off the Orkney Islands by a mine or torpedo, was officially announced by the admiralty today.

The news of England's greatest personal loss since the war which has stunned London, already hardened to shocks, was issued in a formal bulletin.

The announcement of the loss of Kitchener and his staff was officially announced by the admiralty today.

There has been no mention in the cables or the wireless of the cruiser Hampshire having taken part in the great sea battle last week off Jutland. The first announcement from London did not indicate the circumstances under which the Hampshire was sunk, but later the admiralty's statement indicated that the

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State Journal Correspondents' View of Chicago Convention From "First Line Trenches"

KANSAS MOOSE STAND SOLIDLY FOR ROOSEVELT

Meanwhile 20 G. O. P. Delegates Lock Horns in a Fight.

Trouble Involves Elimination of Both Hughes and Teddy.

KANSAS NAME OFFICERS

Fred Stanley Re-Elected as National Committeeman.

Others Named by Both Parties at Chicago Today.

(By State Journal Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, June 6.—Kansas Progressives united today in their demand for the nomination of Roosevelt in the third party convention. Twenty stand-pat Republican delegates from the Sunflower state locked horns in a fight which involves the elimination of both Hughes and Roosevelt. Eleven of the twenty delegates stood out against Hughes and are expected to join the forces of the allies, who will support either Roosevelt, Weeks, Burton, Fairbanks or Sherman.

At a conference of the Kansas Progressives today a unanimous demand was made that the third party convention nominate Roosevelt. The Kansas delegates declared that they held no further hopes of Roosevelt's success in the Republican convention and would take the matter in their own hands. The fight for Roosevelt in the Republican convention however, is just as serious as at any former stage of the game.

Delegates to the Republican convention were badly at sea today when the announcement was made that Roosevelt would go to the third party with the nomination of Hughes. This ultimatum sent chills up and down the spines of many of the Hughes workers. Following the ultimatum, Hughes boosters sought to perfect a working organization among their voters. Kansas who are for Hughes in the con-

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ROOSEVELT AND ROOSEVELT ONLY CRY OF MOOSERS

No Second Choice Is Perkins's Flat Ultimatum.

Teddy or No One for Presidential Nomination.

IRONY DIRECTED AT HUGHES

Murdoch Says He Is Last to Come Out for Flag.

Mass Meeting for Colonel at Auditorium Today.

(BY H. L. RENNICK.)

Chicago, June 6.—George W. Perkins, in a statement to Progressive delegates today issued a flat ultimatum that it is Roosevelt or no one for the presidential nomination, so far as the Progressives are concerned. "We have no second choice," Perkins stated.

Coming on the heels of the meeting of the Progressive insurgent called by the Mississippi delegation last night, the statement of Perkins created a distinct stir. Perkins' statement follows: "Let me remind you that we are not here for the avowed purpose of being against somebody. We are here for somebody and somebody is Theodore Roosevelt. I urge you to bear this in mind in conversation with whom so ever you talk, while in Chicago. The process of tearing down men and things in this country and the world should stop. It is time to be 'for' somebody for something and to build up. We haven't got it in for anybody or anything. We are out for a matchless man and an incomparable cause."

No Second Choice. "You know that no one else has such a man, and that he is the cause. Therefore, we have no second choice. 'Go to it.' Perkins was asked if this means no second choice 'now or from now on.' "Now or any time," was the response. Added significance was seen in the

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NOW LOOKS LIKE A 3-PARTY RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Delegates Abandon All Hope of Any Conciliation.

Even Hughes Candidacy Is Dynamite for Organization.

ROOT FOLLOWERS SAW WOOD

Boldly Put Over Candidate and Look to Roosevelt.

Keep Hughes Out of Race by Third Man Threat?

(BY PERRY ARNOLD.)

Chicago, June 6.—The inner circles of Republicanism received George W. Perkins's "flat" that it would be Roosevelt or no one for the Progressives as a "home consumption" statement today. They figured Perkins, noting possibility of a stampede among the direct action of Progressives in their convention which would force his hand on any harmony program with the Republicans, sought by his carefully worded statement to hold them further in check, awaiting the outcome of negotiations. The Republican plan of seduction of Progressives by a strategic plan of non-coercion, of open-handedness, of relegation of the steam roller to the background, it was explained, relies for its success on attracting back to the fold the greatest possible number of Progressives. Perkins, the old line leader, says, realizes his strength. In making demands is contingent on having as much unity behind him as possible.

Third Party Almost Certain. The G. O. P. inner ring also viewed with considerable apprehension the prospect of Perkins not being able to speak for any united Bull Moose party. If anything, they were probably a trifle more anxious for unity than Perkins. The Bull Moose radicals this afternoon had practically abandoned hope of conciliation with the Republicans and were agreed that a third

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TORNADO TOLL FIFTY LIVES IN ARK., MISS.

Sweeps Large Section of State, Leaving Desolation.

Relief Trains Sent Today From Little Rock.

CROPS ARE WIPED OUT

Wires All Blown Down; Details Are Lacking.

Heavy Rainfall Accompanies Terrible Wind.

Heber Springs, Ark.—Probably 25 killed, 50 injured, and a dozen missing. Cabot, Ark.—Three killed, a dozen injured. Germantown, Ark.—One negro killed. Judsonia, Ark.—Seven negroes killed, many whites injured. Reports last night said twenty-five dead and fifty injured. Greenland, Ark.—One dead, six injured. Purdy, Ark.—Five killed, all white. Hot Springs, Ark.—Four killed, eight injured. Morrilton, Ark.—Two negroes killed, one negro blown away and believed dead; white woman and several children injured. Russellville, Ark.—One dead. Jackson, Miss.—Two whites, six negroes killed; fifty injured. Vicksburg, Miss.—Three killed; all white.

Wynne, Ark., June 6.—Reports received here today from sections within 50 miles indicate more than 50 persons are dead, fully a thousand injured and property valued at \$1,500,000 destroyed by a tornado that swept part of Arkansas near here, traveling from the southwest towards the northeast. The cities near the sections where the storm passed were organizing relief parties this morning and going in to the tornado zone prepared to care for those who were made homeless and injured. A special train left Little Rock last night carrying provisions and supplies.

It is impossible to give the number of families that were made homeless and suffered from a night spent in the wet fields. The path of the storms,

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IZZIES ARE HERE

1915 Champions Play the Savages This Afternoon.

Thomas and Dasher Mound Artists of the Day.

Today's Line-up.

Des Moines, Hahn, 1f	Topeka, Cochran, 3b
Hunter, cf	Agler, 1b
Jones, 1b	Goodman, ss
Melton, 1f	Schwartz, 1f
Breen, c	Kruger, c
Harford, 3b	Latimore, 2b
Ewald, 3b	Tyden, rf
Chaire, 2b	Monroe, c
Thomas, p	Dasher, p

Frank Isbell, the bald eagle of the Western league, and his 1915 pennant coppers arrived in Topeka this morning to begin a 4-game series with the Savages, the first of which was scheduled to start at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Isbell appeared to be in a very optimistic mood, and, although he would not predict an her pennant for his Boosters, he asserted his club would be in the running until the very last. "We have a good team," the Bald Eagle said, "but the race is too close to make any predictions as to the outcome."

STORM HAS GONE BY

Fine Weather Is Forecast for Remainder of the Week.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock . . . 62 8 o'clock . . . 57 9 o'clock . . . 58 10 o'clock . . . 60 11 o'clock . . . 62 12 o'clock . . . 64 1 o'clock . . . 65 2 o'clock . . . 66 3 o'clock . . . 67

Temperatures today averaged 11 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 15 miles an hour from the north.

The storm is over here and the weather bureau promises some fair weather for the next few days. The rainfall yesterday and last night totaled 1.31 inches and the ground is thoroughly soaked. All parts of Kansas received plenty of moisture except in the northwestern part and it is not badly needed there. Temperatures were low today, and the minimum, which occurred at 2 o'clock, was 57. The wind was within 2 degrees of the low

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THERE WILL BE A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN

Kansas Merchants Will Have Occasion to Remember

Their Visit to the Kansas Capital This Week.

INITIATION INTO THE A. O. A. P.

Is Only One of 17 Varieties of Entertainment.

They Include Sight-Seeing Trips, Concerts, Movies.

Poor, unsuspecting visiting merchants here for the next few days, guests of Topeka's manufacturers and jobbers. Little you know that Satan himself will take a hand in your entertainment and enact upon your head tortures, even worse, than the mad mind of Dante could picture when he wrote his "Inferno." After an initiation into the Ancient Order of Ake-

pot Sier-hoos at Hamilton Hall near Sixth avenue and Quincy streets Monday night there is no doubt in the minds of the thirteen candidates that Satan not only came to Topeka, "Also" but he's here to stay during the week. And his most willing servants, those who do his bidding, and manipulate the hundreds of dollars' worth of torturing machinery, are such men as George Godfrey Moore, W. P. Montgomery, Dr. P. J. Erment, Frank E. Brown, J. O. Synnamm, B. B. Eitelman, Sam Courtney, James A. Troutman, Robert Stone and others. It's a simple and simple that awaits you, visiting merchants, and when in pajamas and stocking feet you emerge at a late hour Wednesday night, Ake-

Pot Sier-hoos by right of pain, mental suffering and loss of nerve force you'll agree with all of the foregoing. One agree with all of the foregoing. One agree with all of the foregoing. One agree with all of the foregoing.

TEDDY FOR WOOD

Colonel Favors Military Man for President?

Oyster Bay Friends Say This Is New Situation.

New York, June 6.—That Theodore Roosevelt will support General Leonard Wood for the Republican nomination if his name comes seriously before the convention was the news that reached here today from Oyster Bay.

It came from one of the colonel's visitors, who said the statement to them, they said, in the course of a general conversation. According to the colonel's visitors, who asked that their names be withheld, Roosevelt believes Wood a man eminently fitted for the job, and he would have the colonel's ardent support.

The colonel's visitors said that in the event of the nomination of Wood he would have the colonel's ardent support.

Wait on Telephone. Roosevelt declined to say a word on the speech of Hughes. After visiting his visitors at Oyster Bay, Roosevelt came to New York, going first to the office of Scribner's Magazine and later to his dentist. This afternoon he will be in his office at the Metropolitan Magazine and later to the Harvard club to see friends on business, but not on political business. He intends to return to Oyster Bay and his private telephone line at five o'clock.

Until this morning Roosevelt has been at the telephone line constantly since the installation several days ago. A secretary took up the vigil when the colonel left home and throughout the morning appraised the colonel of the moves on the political checkerboard at Chicago.

Friends said that Colonel Roosevelt had told them that he would "welcome" the nomination of General Wood and that he would "throw his hat in the ring and go out and work for him" as a candidate who was "thoroughly United States" and whose election would mean the "return of the true spirit of Americanism."

USE COLOR SCHEME TO KEEP ELECTION STRAIGHT

Charleston, W. Va., June 6.—Green and white will be the color scheme in the first test of statewide primaries to be held in West Virginia today. The Democratic voters kept their score of votes on green ballots, while the Republicans used the white. This is expected to make the count quick, easy and square.

VAIN ATTEMPTS AT WORKING OUT PARTY HARMONY

Political Leaders Fail to Clarify Chicago Situation.

Tremendous Demonstration for Roosevelt Worries G. O. P.

ALL TALK OF HUGHES SPEECH

"But It Was Just Little Patriotic Oratory, That's All."

Senator Lodge as a Compromise Looming Up.

(By Associated Press) Chicago, June 6.—Political leaders who profess to be willing to accept any man for the presidential nomination who is able to command the support of both Republicans and Progressives are trying today to determine whether Justice Hughes has been strengthened or weakened by the temporary concentration of all forces upon him with the avowed purpose of eliminating Colonel Roosevelt as a Republican possibility.

The effect of the Hughes drive has been to place the whole field of candidates against him according to some. Conferences between Republican and Progressive leaders which lasted far into the night were resumed early today, but it was not believed that any of them had proceeded far enough to clarify the situation within the next several hours. At least for that length of time no decided change seemed imminent.

Talk of Lodge. The two latest elements to be brought into consideration today were Justice Hughes and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, as a compromise candidate for the Republican nomination, likely to command the support of Colonel Roosevelt.

Justice Hughes supporters pointed to his speech as a substantial declaration on the question of Americanism and contended that it cleared up the

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Primary in Florida.

Tampa, Fla., June 6.—Florida Democrats in their party primary today balloted for United States senator, four congressmen and a complete state ticket. The voters also expressed their choice for vice president between Vice President Thomas R. Marshall and Governor Elliott W. Major of Missouri.

ATTENTION, REPUBLICANS!

Kansas R. publicans, including the standpaters who have reached the conclusion, as so many of them have, that Theodore Roosevelt is the man of the hour for the Republican party, can still play a part—bringing about his nomination, even if they are at home. All that they need to do is to acquaint the members of the Kansas delegation to the Chicago convention with the sentiment for Roosevelt that exists today among all shades of Republicans in Kansas.

This can be done through the medium of "night letters" by wire or special delivery letters through the mails addressed to the Kansas delegates individually or collectively. These communications should be addressed to the headquarters of the delegation, the Auditorium hotel, Chicago.

And the Kansas Republicans who are alive to the necessities of the party and their country can surely do no less than to communicate in this fashion to their representatives in the Chicago convention; and request of them that, after the early balloting, they vote for Roosevelt and thereby express the present sentiment of Kansas in respect to the Republican presidential nomination.

Stories in certain Kansas newspapers from Chicago to the effect that Roosevelt is already entirely out of the running are fathered by wishes and made out of whole cloth, as the better informed dispatches of the reliable press associations and other and more expert political newspaper men, indicate.

Roosevelt is more in the running for the Republican presidential nomination than ever before. All that is needed to make his nomination almost a certainty is that the delegates to the convention be informed rightly of the preponderance of the sentiment for him among the rank and file of the voters in the party.

Will the Republicans of Kansas fail to inform their representatives at Chicago of the sentiment that exists in the Sunflower state today for Theodore Roosevelt?

POISON CHINA'S SHI-KAI

Believed Victim of Revolutionist Poison Plot.

Many Previous Attempts Made to Kill Him.

WANTED TO BE EMPEROR

Revolt Has Spread Rapidly Since December.

He Was Planning to Flee to Japan Refuge.

Peking, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, died today. Premier Tuan Chi-Jui immediately advised Li Yuan Hung, the vice president, of his succession to the presidency. Yuan Shi Kai



Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, is dead, probably result of poison plot.

had been ill for several days with stomach trouble, which was followed by a nervous breakdown, resulting, it is generally reported, from being poisoned in a mysterious manner a week ago.

Quiet prevails today in the capital. The death of the president apparently solves the heated political crisis.

Li Yuan Hung's succession to the presidency meets the demands of the leaders in the southern provinces.

Taken Ill May 28

Shanghai, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, is dead. The announcement today stated he died yesterday but gave no definite details as to the cause. "Yuan Shi Kai was reported to have been taken seriously ill on May 28. At that time dispatches from China said it was believed in Peking that the president had been poisoned, but this report was denied by the Chinese ambassador."

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WEEKS, PENROSE WON'T KISS BABY OR SHAKE HANDS

Chicago, June 6.—By the solemn vows of various aspiring gentlemen this political gathering today stands out as the first non-shaking, anti-baby kissing, back-slapping convention in American history.

Senator Weeks and Senator Penrose have promised to keep their hands in their pockets and have instructed all their relatives to do the same. Not a baby will be kissed. Nary a mother will be chucked under the chin. Even the folks at home won't be asked after. Weeks and Penrose led the procession and other candidates' headquarters said "burr" and followed. The reason is that the candidates consider, being asked that they consider, such performances the veriest flimsy, buncombe and piffle, in addition to being a confounded nuisance. "Shaking thousands of hands is a hard day's work and nothing gained," one said, "and kissing babies isn't so blamed delightful as it might be."